

"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word it is because there is no light in them."—(Isaiah 8: 20).

"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." (1 Thess. 5: 21).

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Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH., 1902.

Three Special Services

WILL BE HELD AS FOLLOWS:

10.30 a.m. in the MINOR HALL.

2.30 and 6.30 p.m. in the LARGE HALL.

President Francis M. Lyman

OF THE

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Brief Statement of our Message

. . . THE APOSTASY. . . .

Scripture plainly teaches that before Christ's second coming there would be an apostasy from the doctrines, ordinances and discipline of the primitive church. Amos likened the condition to a famine for the words of the Lord. (Amos 8: 11,12.) Micah declares there should be "no answer of God" (Micah 3: 6,7). Saint Paul said grievous wolves should enter in and not spare the flock (Acts 20: 29); that some should depart from the faith (I Tim. 4: 1); that the people should have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof (II Tim. 3: 5). He told the saints at Thessalonica that Christ should not come "except there come a falling away first" (II Thess. 2: 3). Daniel prophesied of a power that should "wear out the saints of the Most High" and "destroy the mighty and the holy people" (Dan. 7: 25; 8: 24). Saint John saw the beast given power "to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations" (Rev. 13: 7).

Speaking of the time when this should be, Isaiah said:—

"And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the taker of usury, so with the giver of usury to him." (Isaiah 24: 2.)

As if to attest the literal fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy, the Church of England, in its Homily on the Perils of Idolatry, says:—

"Clergy and laity, learned and unlearned, men, women and children, of all ages, seats and degrees, of whole Christendom, a most horrible and dreadful thing to think, have been at once buried in the most abominable idolatry, and that for eight hundred years or more."

John Wesley in his 89th sermon, says that "the Christians had turned heathens again and had only a dead form left."

The apostasy was complete. The authority of God was no more to be found among men.

and Testimony to the World.

. . . THE RESTORATION. . . .

Equally clear are the Scriptural references to the restoration of the Gospel. Peter told the Jews there would be a "*restitution* of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began." (Acts 3: 21).

Saint Paul refers to it as "the dispensation of the fulness of times," in which would be gathered together in one "all things in Christ." (Eph. 1: 10).

The gospel was to be revealed by an angel from heaven and preached "to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." (Rev. 14: 6).

This was to precede the end, for the Saviour said:—

"And this gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come." (Matt. 24: 14).

The Kingdom of God was to be set up on the earth as a permanent institution in latter days. (See Dan. 2: 44).

The kingdom must have commissioned officers, invested with the "power and authority"—the Priesthood—of God, "for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ" (Eph. 4: 11,12. Compare Matt. 16: 19; Luke 9: 1; John 15: 16; Heb. 5: 1,4). There must be prophets and revelations. "Surely the Lord God will do nothing but he *revealeth* His secret unto His servants the prophets" (Amos. 3: 7).

The purpose of the restoration of the Priesthood, with all its powers and privileges, and the preaching of the gospel, is that a righteous people may be prepared through faith, repentance, baptism and the reception of the Holy Ghost to meet the Lord when he appears.

We testify unto you, dear reader, in all soberness, that God has again spoken from the heavens; that the gospel of the Kingdom, including the power and authority to administer its ordinances for the salvation of mankind, has been restored by the ministration of angels unto the Prophet Joseph Smith, the chosen seer and revelator of latter days, and that the Church and Kingdom of God is organised upon the earth, never more to be destroyed or left to other people, having apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers, etc.

We cordially invite you to attend this Conference, where you will hear taught the Gospel of our Lord—"the power of God unto salvation."

Special Announcement.

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Saturday evening, October 4th, at 8 o'clock,
there will be given in the Town Hall (large
room) a Grand Free CONCERT at which
several Utah musicians now in London will
appear, as well as prominent local talent.

YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND.

Sincerely yours,

HENRY H. BLOOD,

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